

MINUTES OF THE 115th MEETING OF THE FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE HELD UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF SH. B. V. R. SUBRAHMANYAM, IAS, CHIEF SECRETARY, JAMMU AND KASHMIR, AT CIVIL SECRETARIAT, SRINAGAR ON 18.09.2019.

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1. The 115th Meeting of the Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) constituted under the Jammu and Kashmir Forest (Conservation) Act, 1997, was held under the chairmanship of Sh. B. V. R. Subrahmanyam, IAS, Chief Secretary, Jammu and Kashmir, at Civil Secretariat, Srinagar on 18th September, 2019.

2. Following Members of the Committee and Special Invitees attended the meeting:

(I) **Members**

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| 1. Dr. Pawan Kotwal, IAS | Financial Commissioner (Revenue), J&K |
| 2. Sh. Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt., Forest, Ecology, Environment Department, J&K |
| 3. Sh. P. K. Singh, IFS | Pr. CCF/ Director, Soil & Water Conservation, J&K |
| 4. Dr. Mohit Gera, IFS | Pr. Chief Conservator of Forests, J&K |
| 5. Sh. S. K. Gupta, IFS | Chief Wildlife Warden, J&K |
| 6. Dr. S. P. Singh Dutta | Member (Non-Official) |
| 7. Sh. K. Ramesh Kumar, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA)
Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee |

(II) **Special Invitees**

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| 1. Mrs. Sarita Chauhan, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. School Education Department, J&K |
| 2. Sh. Khurshid Ahmad Shah, IAS | Commissioner/Secretary to Govt. PWD (R&B) Department, J&K |
| 3. Sh. Ajeet Kumar Sahu, IAS | Commissioner/ Secretary to Govt. PHE, I&FC. Department, J&K |
| 4. Mrs. Neelu Gera, IFS | Director Social Forestry Department, J&K |



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| 5. Sh. Vasu Yadav, IFS | Managing Director, State Forest Corporation, J&K |
| 6. Sh. Syed F.A. Gillani, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir |
| 7. Sh. Sameer Bharti, IFS | Chief Conservator of Forests, Jammu |
| 8. Sh. P. K. Raghaw, IFS | Secretary (Technical) Forest Department |
| 9. Sh. Rakesh Jamwal | Director Planning PDD, Rep. of Commissioner/ Secretary PDD |
| 10. Mrs. Anuradha Gupta | Director School Education Department Jammu |
| 11. Sh. Abdul Wahid | Chief Engineer, PHE, Kashmir |
| 12. Sh. Gurmeet Singh | Chief Engineer System & Operation Wing Power Dev. Department Jammu |
| 13. Sh. Sanjay Kumar, | Dy. Chief Engineer USBRL Project Northern Railway Jammu |
| 14. Sh. Akashdeep Varma | Commanding Officer 102 Battallion BSF Kupwara |
| 15. Brig. N. K. Khajuria | Nodal Officer land HQ. NC ARMY |
| 16. Sh. A. K. Singh | EE (C) Beacon, GREF |

3. The Forest Advisory Committee (FAC) considered the following proposals relating to use of forest land for non-forestry purposes under the Jammu and Kashmir Forest Conservation Act, 1997 as were presented by Sh. K. Ramesh Kumar, IFS, Member Secretary, Forest Advisory Committee:

Agenda No	Proposal	Observations/Decision
115.01	Proposal to allow use of 3,948 Ha. of forest land for construction of Kendriya Vidyalaya in Compartment No. 109/ Bhalesh in Bhaderwah Forest Division by J&K School Education Department, Jammu.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.02	Proposal to allow use of 1,845 Ha. of additional land acquisition for permanent access road to A1, P1, P7, A2 of Bridge No. 39 and Electric Sub Station at Reasi on Katra-Reasi Section of USBRL Project in Reasi Forest Division by Northern Railway.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

115.03	Proposal to allow use of 1.00 Ha. of forest land for construction of RCC impounding Reservoir at Dubjen in Shopian Forest Division by PHE	The proposal was approved subject to clearance from the State Board of Wildlife (SBWL) and National Board of Wildlife (NBWL). The proposal shall be placed before the SAC for approval only after clearance from SBWL and NBWL is received by the Forest Department. The NPV and other charges shall be paid by the User Agency as per the applicable terms and conditions.
115.04	Proposal to allow use of 0.65 Ha of forest land for construction of impounding reservoir at Bakeerwal Kabar Yousmarg for water supply scheme Nilnag Hafroo in P.P Forest Division Budgam by PHE.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.05	Proposal to allow use of 13.28 Ha. of forest land by BSF 52 BN Battalion at Wayan in Kehmil Forest Division by BSF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The User Agency shall ensure bare minimum felling of trees as far as possible.
115.06	Proposal to allow use of 12.34 Ha. of forest land for establishment of Battalion Headquarter for 102 BN of BSF at Trehgam in Kehmil Forest Division by BSF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda. The User Agency shall ensure bare minimum felling of trees as far as possible.
115.07	Proposal to allow use of 0.0429 Ha. of forest land for construction of 30 Mtr Span Steel Grider Bridge over Nagra Nallah at Km 0.980 on Dul-Galhar road in Kishtwar Forest Division by GREF.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.08	Proposal to allow use of 0.0744 Ha. of forest land for construction of 60 Mtr Span Steel Grider Bridge over Mitalalgarh Nallah at Km 0.022 on Dul-Galhar road in Kishtwar Forest Division by GREF	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.09	Proposal to allow use of 0.2676 Ha. of forest land for construction of 70 Mtr Span PMT Bridge over Naigarhh Nalla at Km 11.050 on Dul-Galhar road in Kishtwar Forest Division	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

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115.10	Proposal to allow use of 29.2 Ha. of forest land for establishment of 2802 Ammunition Platoon Kitachama in JV Forest Division Baramulla by Army	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.11	Proposal to allow use of 9.49 Ha. of forest land for construction of Operational track from Bodnambal to Ustad in Kehmil Forest Division by Army (Assam Regiments).	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.12	Proposal to allow use of 2.3387 Ha. of forest land for felling of 1431 trees/poles coming under the corridor of 220 KV/Sc ZAMTL for installation of 3 towers and area coming under corridor of 8 towers for lying of Zainakote-Alusteng-Mirbazar transmission line in Sindh Forest Division by PDD.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.13	Proposal to allow use of 0.245 Ha. of forest land for laying of 11 KV line under Soubhagya Scheme (Mohra Sorigali) in Udhampur Forest Division by PDD.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.14	Proposal to allow use of 3.8311 Ha of forest land for laying of 11 KV line from Chicha to Sunoo for electrification of Chicha village of Tehsil Dachhan in Marwah Forest Division by PDD.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.15	Proposal to allow use of 0.350 Ha. of forest land for laying of 11 KV line under PMDP, DDUGJY & RGGVY scheme (Mohra Saras Mongal of Village Badhota) in Udhampur Forest Division by PDD	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.16	Proposal to allow use of 0.168 Ha. of forest land for Rural Electrification works in Udhampur District under PMDP, DDUGJY & RGGVY scheme (Sargair) in Udhampur Forest Division by PDD.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.17	Proposal to allow use of 0.581 Ha. of forest land for laying of 11 KV line under Soubhagya Scheme (Mohra Semni Gali and Lodhra) in Udhampur Forest Division by PDD.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.18	Proposal to allow use of 0.553 Ha. of forest land for laying of 11 KV line under PMDP,	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in

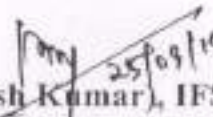
	DDUGJY & RGGVY scheme (Mohra Ponekhtar and Madhyal) in Udhampur Forest Division by PDD.	the agenda.
115.19	Proposal to allow use of 0.427 Ha. of forest land for laying of 11 KV line under PMDP, DDUGJY & RGGVY scheme (Galiote Khad) in Udhampur Forest Division by PDD.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.20	Proposal for removal of Social Forestry trees falling under jurisdiction of Social Forestry Division, Ramban for construction of 132 KV/DC transmission line from Ramban to Sangaldan in Social Forestry Division, Ramban by PDD.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.21	Proposal for diversion of 2.99 Ha. forest land for construction of road from Gulati to Shahdara Sharief via Ladyal Morian Ghambir Gali in Rajouri Forest Division by PWD (R&B).	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.22	Proposal for construction of road from Nashla (take off point from Beoli road) to Kanhhal via Shiva Phase-II in Social Forestry Division, Doda by PWD (R&B).	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.23	Proposal for use of 3.485 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Sikku to Jagota take off from Chiralla road Km 7th RD 725 under CRF in Bhaderwah Forest Division by PWD (R&B).	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.24	Proposal for use of 0.962 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Choi to Mankote-II in Poonch Forest Division by PWD (R&B).	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.25	Proposal to allow use of 4.415 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Reasi Arnas road KM 28th to Surman in Reasi Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.26	Proposal to allow use of 1.8552 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO 35 Km 2nd to Richwa Stage-I in Nowshera Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.27	Proposal to allow use of 3.0405 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from SerBala to Kasuri in Ramnagar Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

115.28	Proposal to allow use of 0.36 Ha of forest land for construction of road from Gatha to Dhalwali in Bhaiderwah Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.29	Proposal to allow use of 0.265 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Balota to Barrian in Ramnagar Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.30	Proposal to allow use of 1.55 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Kansal to Kultan in Ramnagar Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.31	Proposal to allow use of 2.1 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Bharatgarh to Hardulivian Stage-I (part-II) in Samba Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.32	Proposal to allow use of 0.42 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Budhan to Karamkatha in Mahore Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.33	Proposal to allow use of 0.28 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Dhar to Korkhana. in Billawar Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.34	Proposal to allow use of 5.16 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Ganjote to Phalni under Phase-X in Mahore Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.35	Proposal to allow use of 5.65 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Gran to Sukhalghati in Reasi Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.36	Proposal to allow use of 1.845 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Reasi Rajouri Road Km 53th to Jardhi in Reasi Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.37	Proposal to allow use of 1.655 Ha of forest land (1.49 Ha in Udhampur Forest Division and 0.165 Ha in Social Forestry Division Udhampur) for construction of road from Kainthgali to Kounti in Udhampur Forest Division and Social Forestry Division Udhampur by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

115.38	Proposal to allow use of 3.706 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Khellani-Hud Saras road in Batote Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was deferred on account of large number of trees coming in the alignment. The user agency was asked to review re-alignment of the road so as to reduce the number of trees to a bare minimum within 10 days.
115.39	Proposal to allow use of 0.60 Ha. of forest land for construction of road LO 30 to Masward in Anantnag Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.40	Proposal to allow use of 1.855 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Muttal to Upper Jangal Gali in Reasi Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.41	Proposal to allow use of 2.487 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Supply morh Kainthgali Km 26th to Jassakote (part-II) in Udhampur Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.42	Proposal to allow use of 0.33 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Takya Magam to Pati Magam in Anantnag Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.43	Proposal to allow use of 0.75 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from TO1 to Katsu Gujjar Basti in Anantnag Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.44	Proposal to allow use of 0.45 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from TO1 (Km 10th) to Rattanpur in Samba Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.45	Proposal to allow use of 2.2475 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Uchapind to Trapper in Billawar Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.46	Proposal to allow use of 1.254 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Upper Samroli to Talad in Udhampur Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.47	Proposal to allow use of 0.9 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from LO 70 to shalnard in Anantnag Forest Division by	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

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115.48	Proposal to allow use of 5.997 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Malti to Galiote Part-II in Udhampur Forest Division by PMGSY	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.
115.49	Proposal to allow use of 3.26 Ha. of forest land for construction of road from Parkh Upper to Chanunta in Ramnagar Forest Division by PMGSY.	The proposal was approved on the terms and conditions laid down in the agenda.

4. During deliberations on the proposals, the FAC issued the following directions for observance by the concerned:
- i) In the forest diversion cases involving saplings in the alignment, the Forest Department shall transplant the saplings to nearby forest areas and the User Agency shall pay the cost for transplanting the saplings. The saplings will be monitored till their maturity.
 - ii) The User Agencies will strictly adhere to the instructions issued by the FAC/ Forest Department wherein the User Agencies have been asked to consult the Forest Department at the project conceptualization stage to ensure working out proposals/alignments which involve bare minimum felling of trees as far as possible, undertaking compensatory afforestation over alternate land in view of diversion of forest land and preservation of flora and fauna.
 - iii) The Monitoring Committees will closely monitor the works being undertaken in the forest areas.
5. Forest Department will process the pending proposals for the next FAC meeting scheduled for 27.09.2019 at 4.00 P.M.
6. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair.


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